

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE

OF THE

EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

January 6, 2012

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on January 6, 2012 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 50 Service Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: William Finelli; Daniel Beardsley; Michael Boyce; Susan Knorr Rodriguez, and Mark Dingley.

Also in attendance were: Michael Robinson, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor; Gayle Mambro-Martin (present on behalf of Melissa Malone), and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

CALL TO ORDER

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

A draft of the December 9, 2011 meeting minutes was mailed to the Committee members for review, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was:

VOTED To approve the meeting minutes of December 9, 2011.

The following applications were then presented for consideration:

RECONSIDERATION HEARING

Jennifer Csizmesia

A 45 year old municipal water division meter reader with the City of Woonsocket for 9 years and 4 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED:

To reaffirm the decision of September 14, 2011 **Denying** the application for an accidental disability pension.

ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

Hilda Dewey

A 64 year old municipal teacher assistant with the Barrington School Department for 8 years and 5 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** the application for an accidental disability retirement.

ORDINARY DISABILITY

Andrew Abram

A 56 year old state airport communications with the R.I. Airport Corporation for 21 years, 3 months and 28 days.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

VOTED:

To **Postpone** a decision on the application for an ordinary disability retirement pending further documentation.

Karen Benvenuto

A 57 year old municipal special education teacher with the Newport School Department for 14 years, 7 months and 16 days.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an ordinary disability pension.

Diane Diprete-Sparling A 57 year old teacher with the Providence School Department for 26 years.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

VOTED: To **Postpone** a decision on the application for an ordinary disability retirement pending further documentation.

Robin Sherman A 50 year old municipal maintenance worker II with the South Kingstown School Department for estimated 6 years, 6 months and 19 days.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Dingley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Ronald Thayer A 59 year old state housekeeper with the U.R.I. Bay Campus for 26 years, 9 months and 15 days.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS

Per Committee if a member applies for an ordinary disability as a result of psychological conditions, the member must submit 3 years prior medical records with the application.

Status of Prior Disability Application

Richard Delbonis

Updated information provided regarding Mr. Delbonis' application for disability and pension.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez it was unanimously:

VOTED

To adjourn the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Malone
MAM:gsb

January 27, 2012